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SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CLUSTER HOUSING

REF: STATE 245380

[11.](#) (SBU) Embassy Colombo has one residential cluster housing compound for American employees of the IBB (VOA) remote broadcasting site.

[12.](#) (SBU) The compound is located in the town of Negombo, about halfway between the IBB site in Iranawila and Colombo. Negombo is 1.5 hours north of Colombo, the IBB site is another hour north of Negombo. The compound consists of five leased houses within a walled compound situated in a rural area about one-quarter mile off the main Negombo Road. Although the compound is increasingly surrounded by various grades of village huts and simple block houses, the area is best described as isolated. Currently, three of the houses are occupied by IBB employees, with a fourth used as TDY quarters. The fifth house is empty. All houses are alarmed, locked and grilled. Also included in the compound is a swimming pool, tennis court, children's playground and guard booth. Three Local Guards are posted at the compound 24 hours. Vehicle access is controlled by a heavy steel gate on rollers and a separate drop-bar. The perimeter wall is substandard cinderblock varying in height 7-9 feet. Two CCTV cameras overlooking the compound became inoperable three months ago.

[13.](#) (SBU) Because the Negombo housing compound is in a remote location and isolated from any nearby embassy support, enhanced physical security upgrades are vital to the security of the occupants, which includes spouses and children. RSO has surveyed the property and determined that the north perimeter wall should be enhanced with an anti-climb barrier such as razor wire. Post estimates it has sufficient resources to complete this project in-house. RSO has also determined a complete external camera upgrade is needed at the compound. Four remote cameras are needed at each corner of the compound, a fifth camera is needed for the internal vehicle gate, and a sixth camera is needed for the road outside compound entrance.

[14.](#) (SBU) OBO assistance is requested to fund this recommended CCTV upgrade. Funding estimates are as follows:

- (6) Camera Surveillance Systems at 1,500 each - \$9,000
- (2) Outdoor Dome Wall Mounts at 350 each - \$700
- (4) Pressurized Dome Wall Mounts at 1,400 each - \$5,600
- (1) Video Multiplexer at 800 each - \$800
- (6) 4.5 mm Camera Lens at 150 each - \$900
- (1) CCTV Switcher at 850 each - \$850
- (4) Color Monitors at 330 each - \$1320
- (1) System Controller w/ joystick at 700 each - \$700
- (1) Video Input Board at 250 each - \$250

Installation, Shipping and Labor - \$10,000

[15.](#) (SBU) Post requests a total of \$30,120 to complete the residential security enhancements described above. POC for this request is RSO Alex Moore (94)(1) 244-8601.
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